

## LARGE CROWD AT THE AUCTION

WILL LEYBURN, 2:06 PACING,  
THE STAR OF THE DAY.

He Is Bought by Will Snyder, as Agent,  
for \$2,300—May Be Driven on Brook-  
lyn Speedway—No Sensational Prices  
Gen. Tracy's Horses to Be Sold Today.

A large crowd of enthusiastic horsemen filled Madison Square Garden yesterday, during both day and evening sessions, of the midwinter speed sale. Prices were not sensational, though, but several once sensational trotters passed review, having doubtless attracted many sentimentally inclined to the races. In the morning Charles W. Williams' mare Dubose, 2:29½, was the bright, particular star, selling at \$1,450 to John L. Druen, Bardstown, Ky., owner of Onward Silver, 2:08. Mr. Druen purchased her for breeding purposes. Earlier the stock offered had been put to mediocre, so said for little money.

The veteran Delmar, 2:11½, king of trotting stallions, high-stepped a few brief weeks, and looking as supple as a colt, attracted buyers from East and West to the ring-side. He let his presence be felt by lancing out with his heels till a goodly circle was secured. "Kicking at the low price," said the ready-witted Col. Bain. The bidders did not care to go on the seventeen-year-old fellow, so at \$1,150 the baton fell to A. S. Dye'scher, bid, and he goes to Spring Valley Farm, Reading, Pa., Old Tom Dye, 2:32½, at yearling estate, the champion of her day at that age, sold to Freedom's owner, Wm. H. Hooper, at \$1,500. He will mate her with Freedom, the pioneer yearling of 1900. She once sold for \$2,000.

Will Leyburn, 2:06, the Boston crack, reached \$2,000, at which figure the Parkway track manager, Will Snyder, secured him. From appearances W. M. Jenkins, former owner of Rife, 2:11½, was the buyer, still many naturally said it was E. T. Bedford, New England Oil magnate, who does all his buying. He has a cheap horse and should readily score the Brooklyn Speedway championship among the pacing brigade. Darnette, 5½, went to a New Yorker, W. A. Murphy, and will go to the Harlem Speedway to battle with the cracks there all season for honors. David Lamar secured the ex-Californian, Jasper Ayres, 2:00, for \$700 to drive on the road and own his second 2:10 performer, as he at present owns the great road pacer, Nathan Straus, 2:00½.

As the J. W. Day, 2½, required nearly all day till the evening intermission with but the best, Vines, Faris colts to follow, closing not the colt, Day, Bain and Frank Herde took matters easily and the sales rather seemed to drag. There was but one absentee of the thirty-five listed. The remaining thirty-four brought over \$8,500, a fair return to their breeder, who is badly overstocked and had to reduce his holdings in horseflesh or build new stables at his big establishment at Mount Kisco. The "Big" Bain, 2½, won on Monday purchased Ottimo, 2:09½, and a few others, shipped them even up the river by boat, and was soon back home again, having been stalled in the ice. He was somewhat nervous in consequence and talks of suing for damages from experts.

In the splendid consignment of Gen. B. Tracy will sell and advertise and Lord of the Manor are two sure to attract breeders' attention, and the latter is held at \$2,000 by Gov. Stanford when at his best as a two-year-old, and is one of two stallions by Electioneer from George W. Simpson, 2:11½, who is well known and owned here by William Simpson. The brood mares are certainly a well-chosen band, and all who know Gen. Tracy now believe him to be under the weather. His play has been consistently strong from the start, and last night he led Lewis's average of 3:38½ to 3:34½. He is a good 2:10, 3:6, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78.

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